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SUBJECT: SOVIET PRESS SUMMARY - DEC 19, 1975

1. SUMMARY:

--THE CENTRAL MEDIA REPORT THE PARIS MEETING, PREDICTABLY EMPHASIZING "SERIOUS DIFFERENCES" BETWEEN THE DEVELOPED AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. THE SECRETARY'S SPEECH, SAYS PRAVDA, BROUGHT FORTH A REBUFF. IN OTHER U.S.-RELATED ITEMS, THE PRESS CARRIED A NORMALLY NEGATIVE ITEM ON GEORGE MEANY, REPORTED THE INITIALING OF THE MARITIME AGREEMENT, AND COMMENTED ON ASSISTANT SECRETARY HABIB'S TESTIMONY ON U.S.-CHINA RELATIONS AND THE NEW "PACIFIC DOCTRINE";

--ON EUROPEAN MATTERS, PRAVDA COMMENTS ON THE MBFR OPTION III PROPOSAL INDIRECTLY, BY CITING THE CZECH AMBASSADOR (SEPTTEL);

--ON FRANCE, AN ARTICLE CALLED "CRUDE FALSIFICATION" CHARGES ANTI-SOVIET ACTIVITIES IN FRANCE, IMPLIES SLAP AT MARCHAIS WITHOUT NAMING HIM (SEPTTEL);

--THE VENEZUELAN FOREIGN MINISTER SIGNED AN AGREEMENT ON CULTURAL AND SCIENTIFIC-TECHNOLOGICAL COOPERATION, AND MET WITH PODGORNYY AND OTHERS

--AN AUTHORITY PRAVDA "OBSERVER" ARTICLE ON ANGOLA STRESSES SOUTH AFRICAN INTERVENTION BUT DELIVERS SOME DIGS AT THE U.S. TOO (SEPTTEL);

--PRAVDA REPORTS ON AL AHRAH ARTICLE ON SOVIET-EGYPTIAN FRIENDSHIP AS AN OLIVE BRANCH;

--REPORT ON THE CONCLUSION OF THE 30TH UNGA EMPHASIZED SOVIET SUCCESSES DESPITE OBSTACLES, NOTABLY PEKING;

--A PRAVDA COMMENTARY PRAISES INDIA'S SUCCESSES OF ECONOMIC REFORMS SINCE THE EMERGENCY DECLARATION;

--BANGLADESH "SPECIAL ENVOY" HUSSAIN LEFT ON DEC 18;

END SUMMARY.

2. U.S. PRAVDA HAS THE FULLEST COVERAGE YET OF THE PARIS MEETING OF REPRESENTATIVES OF DEVELOPED AND DEVELOPING LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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COUNTRIES. THE ARTICLE, CALLED "SERIOUS DIFFERENCES," QUOTES WESTERN PRESS REPORTS ON THE PROBLEMS AND SAYS THAT SECRETARY KISSINGER'S STATEMENT LINKING THE WESTERN ECONOMIC RECESSION TO THE 1973 OIL EMBARGO HAD BEEN REBUFFED BY THE IRAQI AND ALGERIAN FOREIGN MINISTERS. PRAVDA REPORTS THAT THE U.S.-SOVIET MARITIME AGREEMENT WAS INITIALED ON DEC 18 AND WOULD TAKE EFFECT ON JANUARY 1. COMMISSIONER BLACKWELL WAS INTERVIEWED ON THE NATIONAL TELEVISION NEWS THURSDAY EVENING.

UNDER HEADING "MAKING THE PACIFIC DOCTRINE CONCRETE", PRAVDA CONTINUES NEGATIVE REPORTING ON PACIFIC DOCTRINE, THIS TIME QUOTING ASSISTANT SECRETARY HABIB'S HOUSE SUB-COMMITTEE TESTIMONY ON U.S.-CHINA RELATIONS. PRAVDA DISAPPROVINGLY CITES HABIB AS SAYING THAT AFTER VIETNAM THE U.S. WAS "CONTINUING TO TRY TO DRAW THE PRC INTO 'A NEW STRUCTURE OF PEACE IN ASIA.'" THE ITEM ALSO PICKS UP STATEMENT BY HABIB THAT THE IMPROVEMENT OF U.S.-CHINA RELATIONS IS RELATED TO THE WORSENING OF SINO-SOVIET RELATIONS. FINALLY, IZVESTIYA CARRIES A TYPICALLY NEGATIVE COMMENTARY ON AFL-CIO CHIEF GEORGE MEANY AND HIS ANTI-DETENTE POSTURE.

3. EUROPE. A PRAVDA ARTICLE BY O. YASNEV COMMENTS ROUTINELY ON THE DECEMBER SESSION OF THE NATO COUNCIL NEAR BRUSSELS. THE COMMENTARY CONTRASTS THE MEETING'S ALLEGED TONE OF CONFRONTATION AND ANTI-SOVIETISM WITH THE HELSINKI SPIRIT AND ASKS WHETHER THE SAME COUNTRIES WERE NOT REPRESENTED AT HELSINKI. NATO HEADQUARTERS, IT CONCLUDES, SYMBOLIZES THE PAST, NOT THE FUTURE.

4. VENEZUELA. ALL MEDIA REPORT THAT FOREIGN MINISTERS ESCOBAR SALOM AND GROMYKO SIGNED AN AGREEMENT ON CULTURAL AND SCIENTIFIC-TECHNICAL COOPERATION ON DEC 18. PODGORNYY ALSO RECEIVED ESCOBAR SALOM ON THE 18TH AND WAS GIVEN A LETTER FROM VENEZUELAN PRESIDENT ANDRES PEREZ. IN THE "FRIENDLY CONVERSATION," THE TWO SIDES REPORTEDLY DISCUSSED THE FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF BILATERAL RELATIONS, ENDORSED DETENTE AND PLEDGED SUPPORT FOR WORLD PEACE AND SECURITY. ESCOBAR SALOM ALSO MET WITH CHAIRMAN SKACHKOV OF THE STATE COMMITTEE FOR FOREIGN ECONOMIC RELATIONS ON THE 18TH AND WITH DEPUTY FOREIGN TRADE MINISTER KUZMIN ON THE 17TH.

5. EGYPT. PRAVDA REPORTS AN ARTICLE IN AL AHRAH ON SOVIET-LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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EGYPTIAN FRIENDSHIP WHICH TRACES THE HISTORY AND IMPORTANCE OF THE RELATIONSHIP. THE ARTICLE, AS REPLAYED, ASKS WHETHER IT IS IN EGYPT'S INTEREST TO "FREEZE" RELATIONS WITH MOSCOW, AND ANSWERS THAT "THE ANSWER CAN ONLY BE NEGATIVE" (SEPTEL). COMMENT. THE ITEM IS PLAYED AS AN EGYPTIAN OLIVE BRANCH, BUT WITHOUT SOVIET COMMENT. END COMMENT.

6. UN. IZVESTIYA AND PRAVDA CARRY REPORTS ON THE CONCLUSION OF THE 30TH UNGA STRESSING THE "IMPORTANT RESULTS" OF THE SESSION. AS WITH SIMILAR ARTICLES PRECEDING THE SESSION, THESE CONSISTS OF CHECK-LISTS OF THE MAIN EVENTS FROM MOSCOW'S STANDPOINT. FIRST AND PREDOMINANT IS THE AFFIRMATION THAT THE COURSE OF DETENTE IS THE MAIN TREND IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS, AND THAT THIS TRANSLATES INTO SECURITY AND DISARMAMENT PROPOSALS AT THE UN. ON OTHER ISSUES, THE ARTICLES MENTION THE

MIDDLE EAST, CYPRUS, KOREA, VIETNAM, THE ZIONISM-RACISM
RESOLUTIONS AND THE ANGOLA DEBATE ROUTINELY AND PREDICTABLY.
THE ONLY BARBS ARE AIMED AT PEKING FOR OPPOSING DETENTE AND
ALLEGEDLY FANNING TENSIONS IN THE WORLD.

7. INDIA. A PRAVDA COMMENTARY BY VSEVOLOD KALININ SPEAKS
APPROVINGLY OF INDIA'S ECONOMIC PROGRESS SINCE THE INTRODUCTION
OF THE 20-POINT PROGRAM FOLLOWING THE EMERGENCY
DECLARATION. THE COMMENTARY NOTES CRITICISM OF THE PROGRAM
AT THE TIME BY THE WESTERN PRESS AND PEKING, BUT SAYS THAT
THEIR OBJECTIVE IS TO REDUCE INDIA'S STANDING IN THE WORLD.

8. BANGLADESH. PRAVDA REPORTS THAT "SPECIAL ENVOY OF
THE PRESIDENT OF BANGLADESH T. HUSSAIN," VISITED MOSCOW DEC
16-18. ACCORDING TO THE TASS ACCOUNT, HE WAS RECEIVED BY
DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF THE SUPREME SOVIET M.A. YASNOV AND
DELIVERED A LETTER FROM PRESIDENT SAYEM ADDRESSED TO CHAIRMAN
PODGORNY. HUSSEIN HELD TALKS WITH DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER
FIRYUBIN IN WHICH THE TWO SIDES REAFFIRMED THEIR INTEREST
IN THE "FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION...
AND THE STRENGTHENING OF PEACE AND GOOD NEIGHBORLY RELATIONS
IN THE SOUTH ASIAN SUBCONTINENT."
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